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MEMORANDUM FOR: Director, Foreign Broadcast Information Service  
THROUGH : Chief, Operations Group  
SUBJECT : Monthly Report--Jordan Bureau--October 1985

I. GENERAL

A. The Embassy continues to maintain a low public profile in response to the numerous potentially incendiary developments in the region recently, and this month in particular. Several community functions were canceled, and the need for increased general vigilance was reemphasized. So far, fortunately, no untoward incidents have occurred, and the general mood of the mission has remained upbeat.

B. The FBO architectural design team led by FBO architect Anne Eggertson visited Amman from 16 to 22 October to unveil the plans for the new Embassy compound. The team gave a general overview briefing on the 17th, and then met with the various Embassy sections individually to work out specific design problems.

II. OPERATIONS

A. Monitorial/Editorial

1. The bureau opened early on the morning of the 11th in anticipation of harsh Arab world reaction to the diversion of the Egyptian airliner carrying the "Achille Lauro" hijackers by U.S. Navy fighter planes. Editors kept in constant touch with the Embassy throughout the day to keep them informed of monitored reaction, especially from Jordan.

2. The Jordanian-Palestinian relationship was the focus of attention in the wake of the latest round of "terrorist" incidents during the month. Talks in Amman between King Husayn and PLO leader Yasir Arafat ostensibly solved the problems that arose in the relationship, particularly as a result of the cancellation of a scheduled meeting in London between British Foreign Secretary Geoffrey Howe and a joint Jordanian-Palestinian delegation.

3. Syrian-Jordanian relations continued to take a turn for the better. After several high-level contacts during the month, King Husayn, speaking on "Meet the Press," said that Syria and Jordan "are trying to embark on a new beginning." Jordanian Prime Minister al-Rifa'i will reportedly be visiting Damascus soon.

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B. Lateral Services

1. At the request of AG, all program summaries from Amman, Baghdad and Damascus radios currently being wirefiled to the Middle East & South Asia Review writer in London are also being wirefiled to Headquarters.

2. In the ongoing effort to ease the load on our primary circuit, the bureau has undertaken a systematic review of our lateral service (drop copy) requirements. Embassy consumers are also being canvassed to update their formal requirements.

III. ADMINISTRATION

A. Personnel

STAT 1. Bureau electronic technician [redacted] was presented an Exceptional Accomplishment Award, and a \$500 check, on the 22d in recognition of his work in upgrading the bureau's primary communication circuit.

STAT 2. Monitor specialist [redacted] received a PSI effective 13 October.

B. Buildings and Grounds

STAT 1. Bureau Chief [redacted] and bureau technician [redacted] STAT met with the FBO design team on the 21st to discuss their STAT preliminary space allocation/floorplan for FBIS [redacted] STAT

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building. We presented the design team with an alternative floor-plan which would break up our somewhat long and narrow space into three separate modules: administration, technical and operational. The design team was quite amenable to our suggestions and said they will try to work them into the next, "final," design phase.

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Chief, Jordan Bureau

ATT: Monthly Production Report

## JORDAN BUREAU PRODUCTION REPORT FOR OCTOBER 1985

## I. TOTALS FROM ALL SOURCES:

TOTAL PUBLISHABLE WORDAGE FILED DURING MONTH: 247,210  
 TOTAL NON-PUBLISHABLE WORDAGE FILED DURING MONTH: 49,880  
 TOTAL NUMBER OF PUBLISHABLE ITEMS FILED DURING MONTH: 978

II. INPUT OF REGULAR COVERAGE:	BROAD-	PRESS	PUBLI-
	CASTS	AGENCIES	CATIONS
(MINUTES OR ISSUES PER WEEK)	6578	13478	73

## III. OUTPUT FROM ALL SOURCES:

(PUBLISHABLE WORDS PER MONTH)

CLANDESTINE (IRAN AND IRAQ)			
(CLANDESTINE) VOICE OF IRAQI KURDISTAN IN			
ARABIC	0		
(CLANDESTINE) VOICE OF IRAQI REVOLUTION IN			
ARABIC	0		
BAHRRAIN			
MARABA WAHH IN			
ARABIC	0		
FRANCE			
PARIS RADIO MONTE CARLO IN			
ARABIC	17098		
PARIS AL-MUSTAQBAL IN			
ARABIC	278		
PARIS AL-WATAN AL-'ARABI IN			
ARABIC	4530		
IRAQ			
BAGHDAD VOICE OF THE MASSES IN			
ARABIC	22178		
BAGHDAD VOICE OF PLO IN			
ARABIC	31698		
BAGHDAD DOMESTIC SERVICE IN			
ARABIC	2738		
BAGHDAD INR IN			
ARABIC	21398		
BAGHDAD INR IN			
ENGLISH	318		
BAGHDAD AL-JUMHURIYAH IN			
ARABIC	0		
BAGHDAD AL-THAWRAH IN			
ARABIC	0		

ARABIC TO THE ARAB WORLD	1100
JERUSALEM AL-FAR IN	
ARABIC	566
JERUSALEM AL-MITHAQ IN	
ARABIC	8
JERUSALEM AL-QUDS IN	
ARABIC	1618
JERUSALEM AL-SHA'B IN	
ARABIC	1218
JERUSALEM AL-TALI'AH IN	
ARABIC	548
JORDAN	
AMMAN DOMESTIC SERVICE IN	
ARABIC	10480
AMMAN TELEVISION SERVICE IN	
ARABIC	4900
AMMAN TELEVISION SERVICE IN	
ENGLISH	770
AMMAN PETRA-JNR IN	
ARABIC	2960
AMMAN AL-DUSTUR IN	
ARABIC	7880
AMMAN AKHBAR AL-USLU' IN	
ARABIC	298
AMMAN AL-RA'Y IN	
ARABIC	7800
AMMAN THE JERUSALEM STAR IN	
ENGLISH	8
AMMAN JORDAN TIMES IN	
ENGLISH	4240
AMMAN SAQT AL-SHA' B IN	
ARABIC	11930
LEBANON	
NRRJ TUYUN LEBANON VOICE OF HOPE IN	
ARABIC	1950
SUDAN	
KHARTOUM SUNA IN	
ARABIC	24120
KHARTOUM SUNA IN	
ENGLISH	14200
SYRIA	
DAMASCUS DOMESTIC SERVICE IN	
ARABIC	34840
DAMASCUS TELEVISION SERVICE IN	
ARABIC	7590
DAMASCUS SRNA IN	
ARABIC	8860